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SUBJ: ATEEQI VISIT TO US

REF: STATE 166826 AND PREVIOUS

1. THIS CABLE IS INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL. ATEEQI IS OUT OF TOWN AND NOT EXPECTED IN KUWAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS FROM US. HE PRESENTLY IN UK, AND HE WILL VACATION IN SWITZERLAND BEFORE TRAVELING ON TO US. FYI AMIR ALSO VACATIONING IN SWITZERLAND, AND WE THINK IT LIKELY ATEEQI WILL MEET WITH AMIR IN SWITZERLAND BEFORE GOING TO US. END FYI. KHALED ABU SU'UD ALSO OUT OF TOWN, AND WE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO SEE HIM UPON HIS RETURN LATER THIS WEEK.

2. IN ABSENCE TOP MINISTRY OF FINANCE PERSONNEL, I HAVE DISCUSSED ATEEQI VISIT BRIEFLY AND INFORMALLY WITH FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD AND WITH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR ISSA AL-HAMAD. FORMIN SABAH PROBABLY WILL PASS MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON TO ATEEQI BY TELEPHONE, AND IN ANY CASE MFA WILL CABLE ATEEQI.

3. RE PARA 2 (G) REFTEL, I RECOMMENDED THAT ATEEQI SERIOUSLY CONSIDER VISITING DUPONT INSTITUTE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN IN WILMINGTON, DELWARE. (ATEEQI IS BOARD CHAIRMAN OF KUWAIT HANDICAPPED SOCIETY AND MAINTAINS ACTIVE PERSONAL INTEREST IN IT. ALSO, DR. MCKEUVEN OF DUPONT INSTITUTE HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TREAT CRIPPLED KUWAITI GIRL.) IN LIGHT ATEEQI'S

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TIGHT SCHEDULE AND FACT THAT UNIVERSITY WILL NOT BE IN SESSION,

I HAVE DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO SUGGEST VISIT TO PRINCETON.
(REQUEST THAT HENRY BESSIRE, TELEPHONE 609-452-3554, BE INFORMED
THAT PRINCETON VISIT WE DISCUSSED APPEARS NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE
AT THIS TIME.)

4. DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK, I LEARNED THAT NUMBER
OF TOP BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN MEETING ATEEQI, PREFERABLY
AT DINNER IN HIS HONOR. SUCH AN AFFAIR, OF COURSE, WOULD BE IN
ADDITION TO AND NOT RPT NOT IN PLACE OF WASHINGTON'S BUSSINESSMEN'S
DINNER MENTIONED REFTEL. INTEREST OF NEW YORK BUSINESSMEN TO
MEET ATEEQI PASSED TO ISSA AL-HAMAD. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED
THAT ATEEQI ARRIVE IN US COUPLE OF DAYS EARLIER THAN PLANNED
SO THAT NEW YORK VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED. MY NEW YORK BUSINESS
CONTACT WAS WILLIAM SWORD OF MORGAN, STANLEY. I RECOMMEND
THAT RALPH DAVIDSON, TIME-LIFE PUBLISHER AND ORGANIZER RECENT
TIME NEWSTOUR OF MIDDLE EAST, ALSO BE CONTACTED.

5. WE SHALL GO OVER WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN DETAIL WITH ABU
SU'UD WHEN WE SEE HIM LATER THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, REGARDING
TELEVISION AND PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, WE SUGGEST CONTACT BE MADE
WITH KUWAIT EMBASSY WASHINGTON SINCE IT OUR UNDERSTANDING
(SEE PARA 8, KUWAIT 2866) THAT GOK ALREADY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
DIRECTLY WITH US MEDIA. NEVERTHELESS, USG COOPERATION, SUGGESTIONS
AND ASSISTANCE WOULD, NO DOUBT, BE WELCOME TO KUWAIT EMBASSY.

6. BELIEVE MY PRESENCE IN US DURING ATEEQI'S VISIT WOULD BE
WORTHWHILE. AS FAR AS US RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT AT THIS TIME
ARE CONCERNED, MONEY, OF COURSE, IS NAME OF GAME. ATEEQI'S
TRIP TO US WAS GOK CABINET DECISION. HE WILL BE FEELING WEIGHT
OF KUWAIT'S REPUTATION AND PRESTIGE ON HIS SHOULDERS AND HE IS
SENSITIVE MAN, ANYWAY. MY LONG PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
HIM COULD BE USEFUL.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ISSUING TRAVEL
ORDERS FOR ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON DURING ATEEQI VISIT.
IF IT CAN BE ISSUED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, WE CAN INFORM ABU
SU'UD THAT I EXPECT TO BE IN US DURING ATEEQI VISIT, AND HE
CAN COMMUNICATE THIS INFO TO MINISTER.
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